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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case 7488

In the Matter of :
US National Phase Entry :
Under 35 USC 371 from :
International Application of :
Panandiker et al., :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/22935 : Group Art Unit : N/A
Filed on October 13, 1999 : Examiner : N/A

For Laundry Detergent Compositions with a Cationically Charged :
Dye Maintenance Polymer :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace current claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9 with the amended claims below and add new claims 10-14. A sheet showing the changes made is attached hereto.

1. (Amended) A detergent composition comprising:
 - a) from 4% to 70% of a surfactant,
 - b) from 0.01% to 10%, of a dye maintenance polymer or oligomer having at least three net positive charges per molecule and having a Dye Maintenance Parameter, as determined by the Dye Maintenance Parameter Test, of greater than 0.23; andwherein the dye maintenance polymer is not a polyethyleneimine or alkoxylated derivative thereof.
2. (Amended) A laundry additive composition comprising:
 - a) from 1% to 99% by weight of water; and